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REF: HOSENBALL-MICHAUD TELCON

1. US DEL CALLED ON POLISH AMB WYZNER, SUBCOMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN, BEFORE 1ST MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE 13 MARCH.
WYZNER SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CANADA AND JAPAN
CONCERNING THEIR DESIRE FOR SUBSTANTIAL DISCUSSION DURING
CURRENT SESSION OF PROBLEMS CONCERNING NUCLEAR POWER
SOURCES IN SPACE. WITH CANADA WISHING A NEW AGENDA
ITEM AND THE SOVIETS OPPOSING ONE, WYZNER SAID HE HAD
SOUGHT AGREEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO: (A) THE
AGENDA WOULD REMAIN AS IT HAS BEEN SET BY THE UNGA,
(B) THERE WOULD BE NO MENTION OF THE SUBJECT IN THE
CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE CON-
CERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF ITS WORK, (C) DURING THE
OPENING MEETINGS DEVOTED TO GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS,
THERE WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DELS TO REFER TO THE
SUBJECT, (D) INTERESTED DELS WOULD CONDUCT INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO TRY TO
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DEVELOP AN AGREED FORMULATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUB-
COMMITTEE'S REPORT, POSSIBLY PARALLEL TO THE SCIENTIFIC &
TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR AN EXPERT
SCIENTIFIC STUDY, (E) THIS FORMULATION WOULD BE INTRO-
DUCED INTO THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S WORK DURING THE FOURTH
(FINAL) WEEK TO AFFORD NON-PARTICIPANTS AN OPPORTUNITY
TO COMMENT, AND (F) IF THIS WENT WELL, THE FORMULATION

WOULD BE APPROVED FOR INCLUSION IN THE REPORT.

2. WYZNER COMMENTED CANADA HAD SAID IT WISHED TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION IN A GENERAL AND NON-CONFRONTATIONAL WAY. HE

BELIEVED THE USSR COULD ACCEPT HIS PROPOSAL AND HOPED US DEL COULD DO SO AS WELL. WE ASKED WHETHER HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH JAPAN; HE RESPONDED THAT THEY OWED HIM A PHONE CALL. SWEDEN HAD NOT APPROACHED HIM. HOSENBALL SAID WE WOULD NOT HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH THE WYZNER PROPOSAL IF IT PROVED ACCEPTABLE TO THOSE PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED.

3. WYZNER SAID HE BELIEVED THAT, AS IN EARLIER SESSIONS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHOULD DEVOTE MORNINGS TO PLENARY STATEMENTS IF THERE WERE ANY, BUT THE REMAINDER OF EACH DAY SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS OF THE WHOLE TO ENCOURAGE SUBSTANTIAL, NON-PUBLIC DISCUSSION. THE SWEDISH DELEGATION HAD REQUESTED THE TREATY ON THE MOON BE DISCUSSED FIRST WITH DBS PROBABLY COMMENCING MARCH 20 WITH REMOTE SENSING TO FOLLOW. HE SUGGESTED THAT HUNGARIAN PROF HARASTY SHOULD AGAIN CHAIR THE WG ON THE DRAFT TREATY ON THE MOON, AUSTRIAN DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER TUEK THE REMOTE SENSING WG, AND AN APPROPRIATE CONFIDENTIAL

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LDC THE WG ON DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES. IN LAST CONTEXT POSSIBILITY OF INDONESIAN UN AMB ANWAR SANI OR A REP OF SIERRA LEONE.

4. WYZNER WAS CONCERNED THE EQUATORIAL STATES AMONG THE 10 NEW MEMBERS MIGHT PRESS THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO SPEND MORE TIME ON THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT AND THE DEFINITION OF OUTER SPACE GENERALLY, WHICH WYZNER PROPOSED SHOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING THE BEGINNING OF THE FINAL WEEK. HE HOPED US DEL COULD BE HELPFUL IN ANY PRE-SESSION DISCUSSIONS IN SEEKING TO MAINTAIN PRIORITIES ASSIGNED BY THE UNGA.

5. WYZNER DID HIS WORK WELL, FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE MET LATER 13 MARCH AND AGREED WITHOUT COMMENT TO HIS VARIOUS PROPOSALS FOR ORGANIZATION OF ITS WORK. HE DID NOT MENTION NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES. HE OBSERVED IN PASSING THE DIFFICULT GOAL OF ACHIEVING CONSENSUS IN A 47-MEMBER BODY, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT CONSENSUS WOULD BE REACHED ON AT LEAST ONE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S PRIORITY SUBJECTS. HE ALSO TOOK BRIEF NOTE OF RECENT ACTIVITIES IN SPACE, MENTIONING SOYUZ AND THE SPACE SHUTTLE. NO

ONE ELSE SPOKE.

5. GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BEGINS DURING TWO MEETINGS
14 MARCH. NASA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR LOVELACE WILL TAKE
THE FLOOR TO DESCRIBE CURRENT US SPACE PROGRAM INCLUDING
LANDSAT.

6. DEL ALSO MET BRIEFLY WITH MEMBERS OF JAPANESE DELE-
GATION TO LSC. AFTER CONFIRMING THAT NEITHER PARTY HAD
PROBLEMS WITH CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSED HANDLING OF COSMOS ITEM,
JAPANESE GAVE US A DRAFT OF THEIR PROPOSED WEDNESDAY
STATEMENT ON COSMOS, SEEKING OUR COMMENTS. STATEMENT
IN GENERAL PRESENTS NO PROBLEMS, FOCUSING ALMOST
ENTIRELY ON DESIRABILITY OF LEGAL MEASURES TO SECURE THE

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SAFETY OF NUCLEAR POWERED SATELLITES. HOWEVER,
STATEMENT ALSO CALLS FOR POSSIBLE PROHIBITION OF LAUNCH-
ING OF SATELLITES DESIGNED FOR USE AS DESTRUCTIVE
WEAPONS," WHICH JAPANESE SAID WAS DIRECTED AT ASAT'S.
THEY ALSO LATER STATED, THAT SIMILAR REMARKS HAD BEEN
MADE BY THEM AT RECENT MEETING OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECH-
NICAL SUBCOMMITTEE. FOLLOWING REF TELCON, US DEL NOTIFIED
JAPANESE THAT WASHINGTON MAY BE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS
ASPECT OF STATEMENT AND THAT WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH
THEM BY TUESDAY MORNING FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. SORENSON

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